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INVESTIGATION OF MAIDO KARI

Source: Mr. Maido Kari, secretary for the Board of Legion of Estonian Liberation.
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On 1 Sep 65 Mr. Kari's supervisor and a woman in the office were visited by a man who asked questions about Kari. Kari did not see the visit but was later advised by his supervisor that the visitor had displayed the credentials of CIA, which he found very strange. The visitor was rather tall, had reddish hair and wore spectacles. Questions asked by him were limited to whether Kari's work was satisfactory and if Kari was using government materials and time for conducting LEL business. Kari has been unable to find out what questions were asked from the woman in the office.

On 9 Sep 65 Kari was visited by a man who roughly matched the above description, introducing himself as a FBI agent. The agent stated that his visit was in line with the 5 year security check required by regulations of AEC and asked whether Kari had anything to add to his last interview two years ago (when Heine's case first broke open, Kari was questioned by FBI). Kari said no.

Kari believes now that his supervisor may have made a mistake in identifying the agent's credentials. He also reports that two women were fired from their office because they had used government materials in Civil Rights activities.

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A DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS OF POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE

Source: Memoires by Col. Riipalu (deceased) "Kui voideldi kodupinna eest" (When Fighting for the Homeland) pp. 132-133.

Col. Riipalu then CO of 45th Regt. describes the battle of Auvere (Narva front) 25- 27 July 1944 and continues:

"Early in the beginning of attack a map was found on a pilot shot down near the CP of the 1st Battalion. On it the positions on the entire Narva front, as it stood in the end of June, were printed in blue. On the margin of the map there was a note by the Cartographic Section of the War Commissariat that the overlay print was made on 17 July, that is only 8 days prior to the assault. A second similar map was obtained from a plane shot down near Auvere railroad station and a third was found from the map case of an officer wearing Polkovnik's insignia in a shot up tank.

The locations of units in the Estonian Division and the placement of weapons were marked to finest of detail. Considerable accuracy was also noted in the locations of Estonian Border Defense Regiments. Detail was lacking however for units between them such as Division "Nordland", 11th Division and other foreign units. For these the information appeared to be such which can be normally obtained on a stationary front.

In addition to front situation other important military establishments were indicated by blue circles, such as bridges, new roads, ammunition and gasoline dumps, field hospitals, etc.

All this left me with an impression that we were dealing with betrayal of military information. The information was collected with greatest of care and then handed over to the Russians. The final passing of information probably took place at the end of June, since later changes were absent. It was impossible to obtain so accurate and detailed information by surveillance, since the boundary lines of even the smallest units were noted.

Since the big battle of Narva had started which later developed into an all-out campaign for Baltic States the acuteness of plans falling into enemy hands diminished. At least the matter never was investigated. The guilty parties were not discovered."

Source: Col. A. Rebane then CO of 47th Regt.

Rebane had discussed the matter with Riipalu but could not arrive at definite suspicions on anyone. Rebane believes that the information was obtained by someone in the staff. The situation maps were handled as follows: Information of such detail was plotted on the maps of Regiments and Battalions. Division maps contained less detail. Normally the plotting was done by the Regt. or Bn. adjutant but quite often also the Ordonnantz (Administrative) officer. Normally the map was on the desk of the Adjutant. Officers belonging to staffs had easy access to them, for others it was difficult.

Comment: According to deposition (pp 263-273) Heine was a "Ordnance" (Ordonnantz) officer with 1st Bn. 45th Regt. during and previous the battle of Auvere (which he places in June). Wounded on third day, rather superficially (one was a clean shot through thigh) he is evacuated. As Ordonnantz officer his duties included: "Taking care of ammo arms, maps etc."

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Heine

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